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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3081

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1953

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E. O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: FEOF AGREEMENTS

REFERENCES: A. VIENTIANE 1831

B. VIENTIANE 1802

C. VIENTIANE 1599

D. CANBERRA 1449

1. DAB MET MAR 16 TO HEAR LATEST ADVICE RECEIVED BY DONOR  
REPS FROM CAPITALS.

A. FRENCH REP ORDONNAUD STATED THAT PARIS INSISTED ON  
EARLIER POSITION, I. E. CONTRIBUTION OF US \$1,889,000, NO  
CHANGE IN PRESENT SYSTEM OF COUNTERPART UTILIZATION, AND  
ELIMINATION OF PARA 13. E. OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.  
INDICATED THAT TIMING OF REQUEST TO PARIS HAD PRECLUDED ITS  
FULL CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME AND SUGGESTED THAT QUESTION  
OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AND TERMS OF ASSISTANCE COULD BE  
REOPENED LATER THIS YEAR.

B. AUSTRALIAN REP FISHER STATED THAT CANBERRA HAD  
AGREED TO A CONTRIBUTION OF US \$900,000. HOWEVER IT HAD NOT  
BEEN POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE CONSTITUTIONAL FORMALITIES IN TIME  
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TO GIVE AMBASSADOR AUTHORITY TO SIGN BY MAR 19 OR 20, BUT CANBERRA HOPED TO SIGN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

C. JAPANESE REP YAMASHITA STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SIGN BY MAR 19 OR 20. INDICATED THAT TOKYO STILL WISHED TO HAVE THE REFERENCE TO DAC TERMS IN PARA V. B. OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTER CLARIFIED. SINCE IT DID NOT WANT TO DELAY SIGNING BY OTHER DONORS, TOKYO SUGGESTED THAT TEXT OF PARA V. IN LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT BE SUBSTITUTED AND REVISED LATER. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT TOKYO WOULD LIKE PARA 13. E. IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RETAINED BUT WOULD NOT INSIST ON IT IF FRENCH INSISTED ON HAVING IT ELIMINATED.

D. U. K. REPRESENTATIVE FEARN SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGN ON BASIS OF PRESENT WORDING OF PARA V. B. OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTER AND LONDON DID NOT INSIST ON RETENTION OF PARA 13. E. OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

2. RLG REP SOUVANTHONG STATED THAT TOKYO'S PROPOSALS TO REVERT TO LAST YEAR'S WORDING OF PARA V. WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. USAID REP POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE GOING BACK TO CAPITALS THUS MAKING SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS NOW NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. SUGGESTED THAT SINCE JAPANESE REP HAD PROPOSED LATER REVISION OR CLARIFICATION, PRESENT WORDING OF PARA V. B. WHICH ALL OTHER DONORS HAD ACCEPTED BE RETAINED IN CONFIDENTIAL LETTER, BUT COULD BE CLARIFIED PRIOR TO JAPANESE SIGNATURE. THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY YAMASHITA AND HE WITHDREW HIS PROPOSAL.

3. DAB WILL MEET AGAIN MAR 18 TO FINALIZE AND CHECK ALL TEXTS BASED ON:

A. RETENTION OF PRESENT PARA V. B. OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTER;

B. ELIMINATION OF PARA 13. E. FROM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING;

C. NO REFERENCE TO AUSTRALIA OR JAPAN;

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D. CONTRIBUTION OF OTHER DONORS AS STATED.

4. WASHINGTON' S ADVICE AS TO AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION FROM  
FY 1973/74 APPROPRIATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN PARA XI. B.  
OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTER AND PARA 1. B. OF MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING MOST URGENTLY REQUESTED.  
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